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A WEIRD NEW NOTION

While our leaders plan more pow-wows with communist butchers - and sweetness and light prevail - a weird new notion appears amongst us. It is the notion that we can be friends with the Reds because, as time goes on, our two systems - capitalism and communism - will come to resemble each other more closely. The theory is that we are becoming more and more socialist, and that the Soviet Union is becoming more and more capitalist. Eventually, we will each reach some sort of hazy half-way mark

between the two systems in which we and the Reds can get along in a beautiful, peaceful friendship.

This weird notion, of course, plays directly into the hands of the Red propagandists, and they are doing nothing to dispel it. In fact, they are delighted to see it spread around so effectively by certain Americans who ought to know better, and who overlook a glaring fact. It is no more possible for a society, for any length of time, to have a slight case of capital-

ism, or a slight case of socialism, than it is for a person to have a slight case of cancer. Socialism is a cancer in the capitalist body - and capitalism is a cancer in the socialist body. The Red leaders are well aware of this fact. Whenever they feel their power slipping, they may permit the people a slight dose of capitalism. But as soon as the natural result of capitalism appears - a sense of well-being and a desire for freedom - it threatens the existence of the socialist regime. Then the Reds operate and ruthlessly cut out the cancer they themselves implanted, before it can grow too big. This has happened several times in Soviet Russia - notably back in the 'twenties with the famous New Econ-

omic Policy, which was really a form of capitalism. But as soon as Stalin felt himself strong enough, he wiped it out of Russia with purges, murders and banishments. And if Khrushchev manages to stay in power, this is what he will do with the few tidbits of capitalism in Russia which so delight certain misguided Americans.

Meantime, can't you imagine how the Red leaders are laughing up their sleeves, as they watch Capitalist America? Here she is, allowing the cancer of socialism to grow bigger and bigger, until it will destroy completely the capitalist body. Then the Reds will have won their greatest victory - a Socialist America - without firing a shot.

BLIND BUSINESSMEN

A number of people, including communist philosophers, have said that it will never be necessary to use force to liquidate the American capitalist in order to bring socialism to America. It will not be necessary, they say, because the capitalist will cut his own throat. That may sound like a ridiculous statement, but there is more than a

grain of truth in it. The majority of American businessmen, of course, are well aware of the terrible threat posed by communism and socialism - not only to the system which has enabled them to become successful businessmen, but to the prosperity and freedom of the whole American people.

However, I am sorry to say that there are certain Ameri-

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can industrialists who, through blindness, stupidity or worse, think it is possible to play footie with the Reds, and get away with it. The harm these businessmen do is incalculable. What is the average American to think when he sees a man who has a great stake in the free, capitalist system, seemingly unwilling to protect it against its greatest enemy?

I am led to these remarks because of a letter I saw recently from a widely known American industrialist. Nothing has shocked me so much in a long time. It was a private letter, so I cannot reveal the man's name. But I will say that I am not referring to Cyrus Eaton, who is in a class

by himself in playing footie with the Reds. The man to whom I refer is the head of a good-sized company which is known all over the world, and he has made a tremendous and well-deserved success under the American capitalist system.

Not long ago this businessman received a pamphlet called **THE NATURE OF THE ENEMY** by Reuben Maury, the chief editorial writer of the *New York Daily News*. The pamphlet is a calm, factual appraisal of the aims, practices and performances of the communists. Among other things, it describes the Soviet Union's treatment of its captive countries; the butchery by the Reds in Hungary, Tibet and China; it outlines Red plans for taking over America, either peacefully or by war, and so on. But this American industrialist dismissed it, believe it or not, as propaganda! He said he didn't know whether what he called "propaganda" was justified or not, but he said we have to live at peace with the Russians and therefore our propaganda should be aimed (I know this sounds incredible, but it is true) at getting peaceful reactions from the communists! The way to do this, he said, is to stop blackguarding the

Russians. This means, whether he knows it or not, that we should stop telling the truth about the Reds and their aims. His great fear seems to be a

fighting war with the Soviets. Therefore we must do everything - no matter what - to accept the Reds' so-called "peaceful intentions."

THE REAL PROPAGANDA

Evidently this American industrialist cannot see, or does not wish to see, that the war we are in with the Soviet Union is a war of ideas. The Reds talk about "peace" and "disarmament." But the words have an entirely different meaning to them from what they have to us. They want what they call "peace" and "disarmament" on their terms - which means complete capitulation to their demands. Suppose we give in, agree to everything the Soviets want? Then what? Does this businessman know so little about communism and communist aims that he thinks the Reds will let us alone? In Russia we see a system which is showing signs that it carries within it the seeds of its own destruction. But this businessman wants us to accept without question the "peaceful" intentions of an international bandit - and thus insure his power over hundreds of millions of captive peoples.

And then, in the "new spirit" of "peace" and "cooperation" and "coexistence," would this businessman welcome with open arms into our ranks - into the ranks of his own company for instance - the communist infiltrator, the Red agitator - until one day he wakes up to find that neither he nor anybody else controls their own lives - that Red aims have in truth taken over America, without firing a shot?

Recently, the House Un-American Activities Committee made a careful analysis of the proceedings at the last convention of the American Communist Party. The Party decided that "peace" would be the center of its propaganda and agitation because the word misleads non-communists about the Reds' real aims. The Party will also make "a stronger pitch to big business representatives." In fact, the new head of the Communist Party told the delegates to show industrial-

ists how so-called "peace" could increase their profits, and to tell the general public how so-called "peace" and "disarmament" will greatly benefit them. This is the new communist line.

But this American industrialist would no doubt dismiss this, too, as a lot of propaganda. But suppose he is wrong. Suppose what he advo-

cates is the real propaganda because it has been sold to him under the guise of "peace" and "disarmament" - but is really the Red plan for the peaceful conquest of the last bastion of the free man?

Perhaps what this businessman needs is to go and live under the communist system for a while.

- John T. Flynn

Foregoing items covered in Mutual network broadcast 2/28/60

LITERARY HOAXERS

(*Editor's Note:* We are indebted for the following remarks to Frederic Babcock, editor of the *Chicago Tribune's Magazine of Books*. They are part of an address delivered by Mr. Babcock to the American Literature group of the Modern Language Assn., and are causing a much-needed stir in literary circles.)

Too many college professors, authors, and critics have attained such a lofty scholastic plane that they seem incapable of expressing their ideas in simple, and therefore readable, language. Their treatises, articles, and critiques seek to conceal thought instead of conveying it... In the *Saturday Review's* special section, devoted to the John Dewey centennial, I ran across this priceless sentence: "These meta-methodologists, in pendulum-reaction to the evils of the eternal

curriculum, introduced the child-dominated (not child-centered) curriculum and justified it in terms of relationship (not clearly understood by them) between interest, effort and learning." I read on and on, only to encounter endless reams of more of the same...

Of course, I am aware that most of these articles about Dr. Dewey were written by professors of education, and not of English, but it occurred to me that they provided the perfect answer to the

question: Why can't Johnny read? He can't read because the professors can't teach the teachers how to teach him to read.

Too many learned men and women are unable or unwilling to put their thoughts into words that can be understood. They resent this idea; they fear it would make their work look too simple...

Four score and 16 years ago a homely, ungainly, self-educated Illinois man, acclaimed - if that's the word - as an ignoramus and a baboon, presumed to make a speech on the site of a famous battle. Most of the critics at the time agreed that it wasn't much of a speech. It lasted only two minutes, and it consisted of fewer than 300 words, nearly all of them of either one or two syllables. But, largely because of its sheer, Thoreauvian simplicity, it is now acknowledged to be one of the classic utterances of all time. Would it have been even better had it been written by a Ph.D., or a Phi Beta Kappa, or a highly educated politician, or a professor of English? I doubt it.

The leading literary hoaxers of today are (1) those ultra-modern poets who write obscure pomposities for the delight of themselves and their precious coteries, and (2) those self-anointed intellectuals who insist they understand these pomposities. We now have among the obscurantists' disciples the insufferable, arrogant, unlettered beatniks, who have reached the ultimate depth in obfuscation.

The main idea of these punks is to don a soiled, turtle-neck sweater, and old trousers sans either belt or suspenders, refuse to take a bath, and instead sprout a beard and pull the hair down over the forehead. If posing as a poet, the rule is to make the poetry as putrid as possible. If posing as a novelist, the rule is to fill the opus with filth. In either case, the morons will hail them as geniuses. They are complete phonies. But at least we don't have to read their tripe. As someone has remarked, their books are the kind that, once you put them down, you can't pick them up again.

"Were we directed from Washington when to sow, and when to reap, we should soon want bread."

- Thomas Jefferson

MINORITY TYRANNY

"The political structure of the United States has degenerated to the point where its control lies in what might be called, with apologies for this necessary distortion of a noble concept of government, the 'concurrent minority.' We are, in effect, rapidly approaching the opposite extreme of that state of political tranquility which John C. Calhoun envisioned as the natural consequence of rule by his 'concurrent majority.' For, instead of having the various elements of the American community united in a common undertaking to promote the welfare and progress of the whole, with each of its individual parts assured of protection against oppression or maltreatment at the hands of the others, we have achieved a state of balance between the two major political parties wherein an imbalance can be effected by a numerically insignificant portion of the population. Thus, what Calhoun feared as the tyranny of the numerical majority actually has evolved into an even more distressing tyranny of the numerical minority." - Wm. D. Workman, Jr., in his book *THE CASE FOR THE SOUTH*

AND YET...

"News item: Anger over tax rates impels native mobs in Uganda, Africa, to beat three chiefs to death.

"This is horrible, savage, detestable, etc...and yet..."

- N. Y. DAILY NEWS

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